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(*d*) how many such failures have occurred during the course of 1934 and 1935;

(*e*) what action the Government have taken to remedy such a defect; and

(*f*) whether any orders have been passed in the matter and, if so, whether a copy of it will be placed on the table?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answers given to question No. 686 on 23rd February 1935 and to question No. 696.

(*e*) & (*f*) The conditions of supply for the channels in the Salem district are being carefully examined. When the shortage occurred in November 1935, Korambus were formed at the heads of the channels.

Land Revenue Administration

Restrictions on the sale of property mortgaged under the Land Improvement Act or Agricultural Loans Act.

* 698 *Q.*—Mr. G. Rameswara Rao: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a pattadar who borrows under the Land Improvement Act or Agricultural Loans Act is prohibited from selling his property subject to bearing the burden of the loan taken by him;

(*b*) whether the subsequent purchaser is being compelled to pay up the full loan irrespective of the instalments originally agreed upon;

(*c*) whether certain Tahsildars in Anantapur are collecting the full amount in one lump from such subsequent alienees; and

(*d*) whether the methods adopted by such Tahsildars are authorized by any rules or Government Orders?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) According to the rules, the balance of the loan outstanding on the date of the transfer with interest thereon at the same rate at which the original loan was granted, is calculated and the amount is made repayable in equal annual instalments.

(*c*) & (*d*) The Government have no information on the point mentioned in clause (*c*) but have called for a report.

Mr. G. Rameswara Rao:—"May I know whether a report was received after the question was asked?"

The Hon. Sir Charles Souter:—"I have not seen any report. I understand it has not been received."

Mr. G. Rameswara Rao:—"Apart from that, may I request the Hon. Member to circularize all the Tahsildars in the Presidency inasmuch as they have been practically breaking the rules?"

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The Hon. Sir CHARLES SOUTER:—"I have no information, Sir, that such is the practice."

Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO:—"As the practice has been going on in the Anantapur district for that matter, I have brought it to the notice of the Hon. Member."

The Hon. Sir CHARLES SOUTER:—"I hope the report on the matter will be received shortly."

Legality of the imposition of separate water-rate on paimash wet lands in inam and proprietary estates in Salem.

* 699 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether legal opinion has been obtained on the registered notices issued by some of the inamdars and proprietors of estates, in the Cauvery-irrigated area of Salem district questioning the authority of the Government to impose separate water-rate on paimash wet lands in their estates;

(*b*) if so, whether a copy of it will be laid on the table;

(*c*) whether the registered notices have been considered and orders have been passed by the Government thereon; and

(*d*) if so, whether a copy of the order will be placed on the table?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answers given to question No. 186 on 9th August 1935.

(*c*) & (*d*) The Government are awaiting a further report from the Board of Revenue in the matter.

Legality of the enhancement of water-rate in Salem as per G.O. No. 736, Revenue, dated 12th April 1934.

* 700 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether registered notices have been received by the Government or by the Collector questioning the authority of Government in the matter of the issue of G.O. No. 736, Revenue, dated 12th April 1934, increasing the water-rate in the Cauvery irrigated area of Salem district and threatening civil action;

(*b*) if so, whether any legal opinion has been obtained in the matter, and whether any reply notices have been issued; and

(*c*) whether copies of the legal opinion and the reply notices issued will be placed on the table?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answers given to question No. 186 on 9th August 1935.